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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

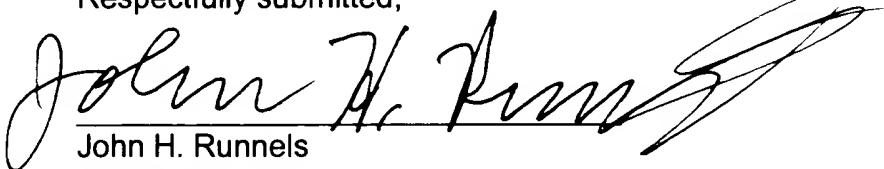
Applicants petition the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the August 10, 2001 Notice to File Missing Parts for two months, from October 10, 2001 to December 10, 2001.

Applicants are entitled to small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27, and small entity status is hereby claimed. Attached is a check for \$265.00, which includes the \$200 extension fee.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this paper a petition for the total extension of time required.

In the event the attached check is for an insufficient amount, or is in excess of the amount actually due, kindly refer to the general Deposit Account Authorization previously filed in connection with this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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